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November 21, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE PROJECT
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance Project, in the vicinities of La Puente, Compton, West Hollywood, Whittier, and San Dimas (All), at an estimated cost between \$170,000 and \$195,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on December 19, 2006.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action involves contracting for the upgrading and modification of traffic signals and street lights.

This project is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the construction and maintenance of traffic signals and street lights.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will provide improved traffic flow and safety for the traveling public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated construction or cost is in the range of \$170,000 to \$195,000.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(4), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, civil litigation history, and prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to (1) comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and (4) comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project is to be completed in 40 working days; however, an additional 120 calendar days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. Therefore, it is estimated that the work will start in April and be completed in June 2007. Local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access will be mildly disrupted during the construction.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Counsel
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